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Evaluation of Rural Schemes
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for various rural development programmes are fully utilized by the States, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the urban development for exceeds rural despite the implementation of various rural development schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is of the opinion that the existing funding pattern is sufficient to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(e) whether any steps are being taken by the Government for better implementation of rural development programmes in different parts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Department of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay - Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana −Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life of the people in rural areas through employment generation, skilling of youths, provision of social assistance and other basic amenities. The Department is also implementing Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) aimed at delivery of integrated project based infrastructure in the rural areas, which will also include development of economic activities and skill development. It has the objective to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned Rurban Cluster.

The funds under various programmes are released to States/UTs in accordance with the programme guidelines based on their absorption capacity and utilization of available funds. The Department constantly pursues the issue with the state/UT governments through Performance Review Committee Meetings to improve utilization of funds and to ensure timely disbursement and sound financial management. The allocation and utilization of funds under various rural development programmes are given at Annexure.

(e) & (f): In order to ensure that the programme benefits reach the rural poor in full measure, the Department of Rural Development has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of rural development programmes in different parts of the country which include Review by the Union Ministers, Performance Review Committee Meetings, Vigilance & Monitoring Committees, National Level Monitors, Area Officers Schemes, Concurrent Evaluation and Impact Assessment Studies.

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